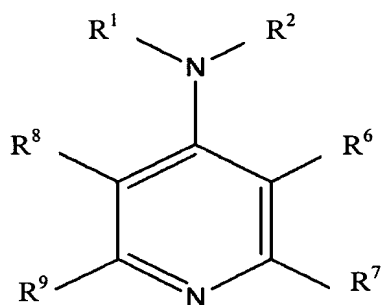
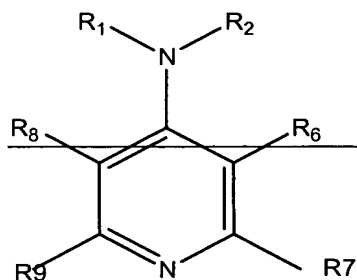


AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

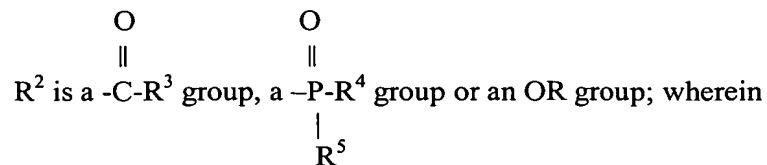
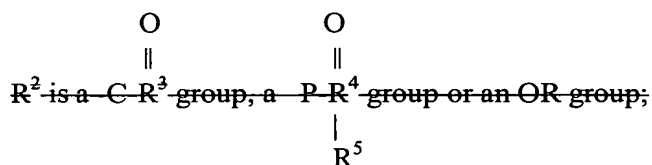
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A compound according to formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or polymorph thereof, wherein R¹ is H or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group;



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R³ is H, a C₁-C₂₀ alkyl group, an OR group, an alkylene ester group -(CH₂)_nC-OR¹⁰, an amine group -NR¹¹R¹² or a ~~-(CH₂)_m-group~~ ~~-(CH₂)_m-group~~ where m is 1-3 and forms a ring with R⁶, R is a C₁-C₂₀ alkyl group, an aryl group or an alkylene aryl group, R¹⁰ is a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, n is 1 to 20, R¹¹ is selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, aryl, alkylene aryl or an alkylene ester group as described above, and R¹² is selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, aryl, alkylene aryl or an alkylene ester group as described above or is a -(CH₂)_z-group where z is 0 to 2, such that R¹² forms a ring with R⁶, and wherein when one of R¹¹ and R¹² is other than H, the other of R¹¹ or R¹² is H; R⁶ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂ or a NR¹³R¹⁴ group where R¹³ is H or a C₁-C₃ alkyl group and R¹⁴ is a -(CH₂)_m- group where m is 0 to 3 and forms a ring with the

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~~-C-R³ group when R³-is absent; and each of R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹~~ R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ is independently selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I or NO₂, ~~preferably, at least two, and more preferably three of R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are H.~~

2. (currently amended) A The compound of claim 1, ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or polymorph thereof,~~ selected from the group consisting of:

N - (4-Pyridyl) *t*-Butyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Methyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Isopropyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Dodecyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Benzyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Benzamide;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Acetamide;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Propionamide;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Trimethylacetamide;

N - (4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Succinamate;
N, *N*'- (4-Pyridyl) Urea;
N, *N*'- (3,4-Pyridyl) Urea;
P, *P*-Diphenyl *N*- (4-Pyridyl) Phosphinamide; and
4-Pyridinyl Phosphoramidic acid, Diphenyl Ester; and
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or polymorph thereof.

3. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of injured mammalian nerve tissue, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or polymorph thereof, ~~effective in such treatment.~~

4. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, wherein the compound ~~of claim 1~~ is selected from the group consisting of:

N - (4-Pyridyl) *t*-Butyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Methyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Isopropyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Dodecyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Benzyl Carbamate;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Benzamide;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Acetamide;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Propionamide;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Trimethylacetamide;
N - (4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Succinamate;
N, *N*'- (4-Pyridyl) Urea;
N, *N*'- (3,4-Pyridyl) Urea;
P, *P*-Diphenyl *N*- (4-Pyridyl) Phosphinamide; and
4-Pyridinyl Phosphoramidic acid, Diphenyl Ester;
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates, and polymorphs thereof.

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15. (New) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 are each H; and R^2 is a $-C(O)R^3$ group, wherein R^3 is $-OCH_2CH_3$.